

What is Claimed is:

1 1. A combined container and garment protection device comprising:
2 a support section including an open portion, the support section being adapted to
3 support the device about the neck of a user; and
4 a container section including a pocket to receive and retain items placed within
5 the pocket;
6 wherein the support section is releasably engageable with the container section to
7 form a handle to facilitate transport of the device prior to being supported about the neck
8 of the user.

1 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the pocket of the container section
2 includes a slot suitably dimensioned to permit at least a portion of the support section to
3 be inserted through the slot to form the handle.

1 3. The device of claim 2, wherein the support section is suitably dimensioned
2 to cover a majority of an entrance to the pocket when the support section is inserted
3 through the slot to form the handle.

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4 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the container section and support section
5 are formed from a continuous sheet of material, with a first portion of the container
6 section being folded upon a second portion of the container section to form the pocket..

1 5. A method of storing items and protecting a user's garment, the method
2 comprising:

3 providing a combined container and garment protection device including a
4 support section with an open portion and a container section with a pocket;

5 inserting items within the pocket; and

6 engaging the support section with the container section to form a handle to
7 facilitate transport of the device.

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1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the handle is formed by inserting at least
2 a portion of the support section through a slot defined on the pocket.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the support section is suitably
2 dimensioned to cover a majority of an entrance to the pocket when the support section is
3 inserted through the slot to form the handle.

1 8. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
2 disengaging the support section from the container section; and
3 inserting the user's neck through the open portion of the support section to
4 support the device about the neck of the user.

1 9. The method of claim 5, wherein food items are inserted within the pocket.

1 10. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
2 forming the container section and support section from a continuous sheet of
3 material, wherein a first portion of the container section is folded upon a second portion
4 of the container section to form the pocket.